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**REQUEST
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Application Number	09/619,371
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Art Unit	2872
Examiner Name	Amari, A.V.
Attorney Docket Number	000537

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1. Submission required under 37 CFR 1.114

- a. Previously submitted
- i. Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR 1.116 previously filed on _____
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 - iii. Other _____
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2. Miscellaneous

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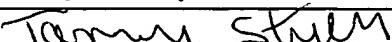
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RESPONSE AND AMENDMENT

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the final office action dated September 18, 2002 in the above-referenced application. A Request for Continued Examination has been filed in this case. Additionally, the Applicant has filed herewith a Petition For One (1) Month Extension Of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), extending the period for response to January 18, 2003.

The Applicant respectfully requests the entry of the following amendments (marked-up versions of amended claims appear in the Appendix) and re-consideration of the application in light of the amendments and the remarks following.

In the Claims:

- Please re-write claim 2 as follows:
2. (Twice amended) A Raman imaging fiberscope for the collection of white light images, Raman chemical images and Raman spectra from a sample comprising:
an outer jacket;
one or more white light illumination fibers, disposed in said outer jacket, for transmitting white light from a white light source to said sample;
one or more laser illumination fibers, disposed in said outer jacket, for transmitting laser light of a specific laser excitation wavelength from a laser source to said sample;
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